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To Whom it May Concern:

Microsoft has unlawfully used its monopoly power to greatly subdue the competition, causing damages to many companies including Apple Computer, Inc. and consumers worldwide. It is to my knowledge that Microsoft Corporation holds approximately 90% of the computer operating system market.

Naturally, consumers have a minuscule selection of products and services from Microsoft's competition when 90% of the personal computers purchased are sold preinstalled with Microsoft Windows and other Microsoft technologies such as Internet Explorer, MSN Internet Service, and MSN Messenger. Many beginners and new computer buyers will be unaware of other products and services available with the vast array of Microsoft products already installed on the computer for their 'convenience'.

Microsoft's acts are in violation of the Sherman Act. These anti competitive actions have caused great damages to innovative companies accepting the challenge to legally compete and base their successes on customer loyalty and quality. Many companies have incurred staggering losses due to Microsoft's negligent business practices. For example, Apple Computer, Inc. was financially handicapped by Microsoft's operating system monopolization between the years 1995-1998. After being criticized by industry veterans, Microsoft invested capital into Apple Computer in order to keep operations functional for the sake of hiding future allegations. The fall of Apple Computer would have provided Microsoft, Inc. with 95% of the world's personal computer operating system market.

The overwhelming market share percentage is a strong indication of unfair business practices and violation of United States law. I am fully in support of any consequences Microsoft, Inc. should incur during the court proceedings. For the future of fair business practices, I ask that the U.S. Department of Justice prosecute Microsoft, Inc. within full accordance of the United States Constitution.

Sincerely,

Andrew Pizzello